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SUBJECT: SPECIAL TRADE OPPORTUNITY - THESSALONIKI SEWAGE SYSTEM

REF: THESSALONIKI A-84, 12/1/71; STATE A-138, 1/7/72

1. TWO IBRD OFFICIALS VISITED THESSALONIKI LATE NOVEMBER AND MET WITH MINISTER NORTHERN GREECE, THE NOMARCH, AND THESSALONIKI SEWAGE ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF IBRD FINANCING

THESSALONIKI'S SEWAGE PROJECT DESIGNED TO SAVE THERMAIKOS GULF FROM INDUSTRIAL AND SEWAGE POLLUTION.

2. PROJECT REPORTEDLY INVOLVES 600 KILOMETER SEWAGE NETWORK AND IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$150 MILLION. FIRST PHASE WOULD REPORTEDLY INVOLVE 36 KILOMETER NETWORK ESTIMATED AT \$60 MILLION.

3. COORDINATION MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY THAT NEGOTIATIONS OF IBRD LOAN MAY BE CONCLUDED IN A YEAR.

4. EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT THE PROJECT, NOW IN VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE, WILL EVENTUALLY OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FURNISHING OF US ENGINEERING SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT. EMBASSY WILL MAKE FURTHER APPRAISAL OF PROJECT WHEN ITS PARAMETERS AND OTHER DATA BECOME AVAILABLE.

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